A Cup of Coffee.

To make it best, I would suggest. The use of eggs be suited; And have a bag of flambel rag. Within your pot suspended.

It, on a wire, should hang no higher Than one inch from the battom. A little rule of Cooking School By Mrs. Beecher saught 'em.)

The codes grind gults fine, please mind. A tablespoon you measure or each dear friend, then on it send Boiling water to your pleasure.

But yet, in fact—to be exact— A plat for each is plenty. For instance, then, for twenty men. Of pints and spoons take twenty. It must not boll, or you will spoil
Both coffee and the water.
But only simmer, simmen, simmen,
Just gently, like it "oughter."

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A hint wash clean your fannel screen,
And dry each time you use it.

And when you say the staff to buy,
Buy fine as you can choose It—
Or the graunds will soon go through it—
And then you'll ree it.

— Pittsbury Bulletin.

Carrying the Ocean Mails.

All the American steamship lines which a year ago refused to carry the mails upon the terms of the Postmaster General have recently agreed to accept those terms for the immediate future. The steamship companies have been led to settle in this way their long standing out of regard to the wishes of merchants whose goods The latter have had they carry. to put up with the most miserable service through the obstinacy of the Postmaster-General and his refusal to comply with the Act of Congress. It was supposed that Congress, at the late session, would see that justice was done by compelling the Postmaster-General to expend the appropriation, but while the Senate was willing, the House, to sustain the Admin-istration, refused. Finding there was to to be no speedy redress, the companies have decided to submit to the wrong, and, for the immediate future, accept as compensation the sea and inland postage, for the sake of obliging the merchants and the public. We hope the time is coming when the politicians who hate the steamships and particularly if they fly our own flag, will be relegated to the quiet retreat of a home life

Masonic Dates.

The York and French Rite Masons of the Old and New World to the Christian Era add 4,000 years, calling it Anno Lucis, or the Year of Light; thus the year 1870 would read A. L. 5870. All official documents pertaining to the first three degrees of Masonry are thus dated: York Rite Masons begin the year with January 1: French Rite, March 1. Those practicing in the Ancient and Accepted Rite use the Jewish Calendar, which adds 3,760 years, and call it Anno Mundi-A. M., Year of the World. They sometimes use the Hebrew year, beginning September 26, or 1st of Tisri, using the initials A. H .- Anno Hibraice, Hebrew Year.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the building of the second temple, 530 years before Christ. Anno Intentionis-A. Inv., in the year of the discovery.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS frequently use Anno Lucis; but they should date from the completion of Solomon's Temple. This would add 1,000 years to the Christian Era. Anno Depositionis-A. Dep., in the year of the Deposit.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR date from the organization of the order, 1118, A.O., in the year of the order.

Those of the Rite of Mizriam add four years to the usual computation of the age of the world.

To find the date for the York Rite add 4,000 to the present year; for the Ancient and Accepted Rite, add 3,760 to the present year; for the Royal Arch, add 530 to the present year; for the Royal and Select Masters, add 1,000 to the present year; for the Knights Templar, substract 1.118 from the present year; of the Rite of Mizriam, add 4,004 to the present year. Masonie Journal

An Old Story.

The following bit of history from political life in the Legislature of California is really too good to pass and as the joke was, and is, regarded as excellent by our ex-Attorney-General, it is now presented, with no other motive than a laugh with

the one who is so rarely worsted:
"Ex-Senator Tom" Kane, the inspired author of the saying, "Consistency, thou art a jewel of the deepest dye," once got the better of the witty and versatile Paul Neumann in a verbal tilt in the Senate. The adoption of the new constitution, which substituted Superior for District Courts, rendered it necessary that the codes should be amended accordingly and the amendment of many of the sections substituting the word "superior" for "dis-trict" required that the bills under the new constitutional provision should be read three times. Most of these bills had been prepared and were introduced by Senator McClure. Kane had a wholesome horror of lawyers and was in the constant habit of interposing his objec tions to what he regarded as a useless waste of time, for which the lawyers were responsible. The newspaper correspondents encouraged him in his obstreperouspess and one of them furnished him with a copy of Dean Swift's chapter on lawyers which, among other things, declares that "the business of the lawyer is to prove that black is white and that white black." Armed with this authority, Kane got the floor and proceeded to read, from the book. He had not proceeded far before Neumann arose and asked if he might be permitted to interrupt the Senator from the Eleventh.

"Certainly, sor," replied Kane. "I should like to ask," said Neumann, "from whom the gentleman is quoting." "From Jonathan Swift," replied Kane,

proudly; "better known as Dean Swift, sor-a distinguished countryman of mine, "I would like to ask the Senator," said

Neumann, "if he knows that Dean Swift died a lunatie!"

Kane was entirely ignorant of the per-sonal history of Swift, and replied, "I do not. sor."

"Is the gentleman," pursued Neumann, "aware of the fact that Swift was a very immoral man?"

"Sin-i-tor Neumann, those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones, sor,' retorted the gentleman from the Eleventh; and Mr. Neumann is said to have blushed. He joined in the laugh, and interrupted Swift's admirer no more."

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